

REMARKS

This amendment responds to the final office action mailed June 26 2008. In the final office action the Examiner:

- rejected claims 45-53, 56-58, 61-64, 67-73, 76-78 and 81 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Kennedy (US 6,330,589); and
- rejected claims 54, 55, 65, 66, 74 and 75 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kennedy (US 6,330,589, hereinafter “Kennedy”) in view of Comer et al. (“Conversation-Based Mail,” hereinafter “Comer”).

The pending claims are claims 82-111.

Amendments to Claims

New claims 82-111 correspond to previously pending claims 45-48, 50-55, 58, 61-78, and 81. Corrections have been made correct antecedent references and to restate some of the changes made to the claims in the response filed on October 27, 2008. Support for these changes in the claims is found at least in Figures 3B and 15 and ¶¶ 0046, 0057, 0113 and 0123-0126 of the application as filed. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §102(b) and §103

The remarks made in the response filed October 27, 2008 with respect to claim 45 are equally applicable to new claim 82. All the new claims submitted herewith are patentable over the cited references for at least the same reasons as those explained in the response filed October 27, 2008.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider this application with a view towards allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (650) 843-4000, if a telephone call could help resolve any remaining items.

Respectfully submitted,

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